MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:58 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

H.R. 858. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a pilot project on designated lands within Plumas, Lassen, and Tahoe National Forests in the State of California to demonstrate the effectiveness of the resource management activities proposed by the Quincy Library Group and to amend current land and resource management plans for these national forests to consider the incorporation of these resource management activities.

At 4 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2014) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(2) and (d) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House: For consideration of the House bill, and the Senate amendment, and modifications committee to conference: Mr. KASICH, Mr. ARCHER, Mr. CRANE, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. DELAY, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Rangel, Mr. STARK, and Mr. MATSUI.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of sections 702 and 704 of the Senate amendment, modifications committee to conference: Mr. Shuster, Ms. Molinari, and Mr. Oberstar.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of sections 713–14, 717, 879, 1302, 1304–5, and 1311 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. GOODLING, Mr. FAWELL, and Mr. PAYNE.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2015) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(1) and (c) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

For consideration of the House bill, and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. Kasich, Mr. Hobson, Mr. Armey, Mr. Delay, Mr. Hastert, Mr. Spratt, Mr. Bonior, and Mr. Fazio.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Agriculture, for consideration of title I of the House bill, and title I of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. GOODLATTE, and Mr. STENHOLM.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, for consideration of title II of the House bill, and title II of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. LEACH, Mr. LAZIO. and Mr. GONZALEZ.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Commerce, for consideration of subtitles A-C of title III of the House bill, and title IV of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. BLILEY, Mr. SCHAEFER of Colorado, and Mr. DINGELL.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Commerce, for consideration of subtitle D of title III of the House bill, and subtitle A of title III of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. BLILEY, Mr. TAUZIN, and Mr. DINGELL.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Commerce, for consideration of subtitles E and F of title III, titles IV and X of the House bill, and divisions 1 and 2 of title V of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. BLILEY, Mr. BILIRAKIS, and Mr. DINGELL.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of subtitle A of title V and subtitle A of title IX of the House bill, and chapter 2 of division 3 of title V of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. GOODLING, Mr. TALENT, and Mr. CLAY.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of subtitles B and C of title V of the House bill, and title VII of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. GOODLING, Mr. McKeon, and Mr. Kildee.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of subtitle D of title V of the House bill, and chapter 7 of division 4 of title V of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. GOODLING, Mr. FAWELL, and Mr. PAYNE.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, for consideration of title VI of the House bill, and subtitle A of title VI of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. Burton, Mr. MICA, and Mr. WAXMAN.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of title VII of the House bill, and subtitle B of title III and subtitle B of title VI of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. GILCHREST, and Mr. OBERSTAR.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Veterans Affairs, for consideration of title VIII of the House bill, and title VIII of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. STUMP, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. EVANS.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of subtitle A of title V and title IX of the House bill, and divisions 3 and 4 of title V of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. ARCHER, Mr. SHAW, Mr. CAMP, Mr. RANGEL, and Mr. LEVIN.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of titles IV and X of the House bill, and division 1 of title V of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. ARCHER, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. STARK.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 858. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a pilot project on designated lands within Plumas, Lassen, and Tahoe National Forests in the State of California to demonstrate the effectiveness of the resource management activities proposed by the Quincy Library Group and to amend current land and resource management plans for these national forests to consider the incorporation of these resource management activities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-2435. A communication from the Lieutenant General, USA Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to disaster relief in Rwanda; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2436. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a proposed license for defense equipment under the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2437. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a proposed license for the export of defense articles under the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2438. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with a Romanian company; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2439. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a proposed license for the export of defense articles to Germany; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2440. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement to the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2441. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Tropical Botanical Garden, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an audit for the period